

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 112

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to the Kumeyaay Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 57, Goldsmith. Kumeyaay Highway.

This measure would designate a specified section of Interstate Highway Route 8 in San Diego County as the "Kumeyaay Highway," and would request the Department of Transportation to erect plaques and markers showing the designation if contributions from private sources are received to cover the costs.

WHEREAS, The Kumeyaay Nation was composed of bands and family clans that claimed territorial rights to an area that stretched from the Pacific Ocean, east to the Colorado River, north to northern San Diego County, and south as far as Ensenada, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The Kumeyaay had well-functioning social and economic structures that had evolved over a period of more than 10,000 years, and the Kumeyaay society practiced sophisticated governmental, private, and community property rights and religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway Route 8 through the coastal mountains to the desert has its origins in Indian trails, which became stagecoach routes, then roads, and eventually a modern interstate, and because the Kumeyaay lived as far east as the Colorado River, and since the bands connected the nation through a communication network of trained runners, it is obvious they had carved out trails over the eastern mountains to the deserts, that were adopted, as a matter of course, by the non-Indians who followed; and

WHEREAS, The approximate route of Interstate Highway Route 8 through the coastal mountains to the Imperial Valley and Colorado River was originally Kumeyaay trails and still links together five of the Kumeyaay Nation's bands; that is, the Viejas Band, Campo Band, Cayapaipe Band, La Posta Band, and Manzanita Band; and

WHEREAS, The terrain still bears historic and current witness to tribal presence in names and with reservations; and

WHEREAS, Kumeyaay labor participated in construction of the first road that later became Interstate Highway Route 8; and

WHEREAS, Designating the section of Route 8 in San Diego County from the eastern city boundary of the City of El Cajon to the eastern county boundary with the County of Imperial for San Diego's

original inhabitants is therefore a fitting testimony to the contributions of California's native population; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the section of Interstate Highway Route 8 in San Diego County from the eastern city boundary of the City of El Cajon to the eastern county boundary with the County of Imperial, is hereby officially designated the "Kumeyaay Highway"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this official designation and, upon receiving contributions from private sources to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

